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Letter dated 16 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letters dated 14 February 2012 and 9 February 2012, regarding the revised text of the draft resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the Panel of Experts, I have the honour to refer you to the statement made by the Director of the Africa I Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, Margaret Carey, during her visit last week to the Sudan to review the status of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). Ms. Carey confirmed during her meeting with His Excellency Mr. Rahamtallah M. Osman, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that her team had observed remarkable improvement regarding the security situation on the ground in Darfur, especially the security aspect, apart from a few pockets in certain areas. In that light, she also conveyed to the Under-Secretary that her team would also propose a reduction of the military component of UNAMID.

I have further the honour to convey, as I did in the above-mentioned letters, that the content of the revised draft resolution regarding the renewal of the mandate of the Panel of Experts contradicts all the realities on the ground in Darfur, and in particular the findings of the review team of Margaret Carey, as I stated above.

It would be prudent at this stage that any document issued by the Security Council regarding the situation in Darfur be factual and not a reproduction of the historical facts in Darfur; furthermore, the spirit of the resolution should reflect the positive enhancement of the situation on the ground and encourage the promotion of a culture of peace in order to help all parties establish peace and security in Darfur and the entire region.

I would appreciate if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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